

Task Force on the Future for Growth and Development in Maryland

2009 Work Plan (as of 2/09/09)

In 2008, the Task Force completed its initial statutory charge by delivering its report, “Where Do We Grow From Here?”, to the Governor and legislative leaders. The Report includes many recommendations which shape the work plan for the next phase of the Task Force’s work.

Minimum Anticipated 2009 Meeting Schedule (Full Task Force)

February 9- Tawes Building, DNR	July 6
March 9- Banneker Douglass Museum	August 3
April 20	September 8
May 4	October 5
June 1	November 2

February and March meetings will be held as noted in Annapolis from Noon to 3:00 pm. The remaining meetings will be held at the Maryland Department of Planning in Baltimore from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

2009 Legislation

Several Task Force recommendations form the basis for Governor O’Malley’s “Smart, Green and Growing” Legislation in the 2009 General Assembly. These are:

- SB273/HB294 (Local Government Planning -- Planning Visions)
 - Expand the Eight Visions (R-1);¹
 - Require reporting related to APFO restrictions (R-23); and
 - Allow a Transfer of Development Rights within a Priority Funding Area to purchase land for a school or public facility within a Priority Funding Area (R-26).

¹ R-# numbering corresponds to Recommendations in the Task Force Report of December 1, 2008.

- SB280/HB297 (Smart and Sustainable Growth Act of 2009)
 - Addresses *Terrapin Run* (R-2)
- SB 276/HB295 (Smart Growth Measures and Indicators and Implementation of Planning Visions) (R-5)
- SB258/HB309 (Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program) (R-41)
- SB274/HB300 (Tax Increment Financing and Special Taxing Districts - Transit-Oriented Development (R-11)

Task Force Workgroups

The ongoing work of the Task Force is considerable, and workgroups with active leadership from Task Force members will be required. Departmental commitments must also remain strong. Proposed workgroups are as follows:

Priority Funding Areas

Chairs: Gerrit Knaap, Jon Laria

Charge:

- R-6- Study PFAs (due November 1, 2009)
- R-25- Funding sources for infrastructure (due November 1, 2009)
- R-31- School construction PFA review (due July 1, 2009)

Land Preservation/TDR

Co-Chairs: Vanessa Orlando, Dru Schmidt-Perkins, David Beall

Charge:

- R-17- Approaches to land preservation
- R-18- TDR Workgroup (interim report due July 1, 2009, final report due November 1, 2009)

Schools/PFAs

Chair: Derick Berlage

Charge:

- R-29 (with MDP)- Vertical urban schools
- R-30- 6-year CIP
- R-31- School construction PFA review (due **July 1, 2009** collaborate with the PFA workgroup)

Smart Growth Indicators

Chairs: Karl Brendle, Sandy Coyman, Rich Hall

Charge:

- R-5- Smart and sustainable growth indicators

Conflicts/Inefficiencies

Chair: Frank Hertsch

Charge:

- R-49 – State/local conflicts/inefficiencies (due **July 1, 2009**)

Education

Chair: Teena Green (in conjunction with National Center for Smart Growth)

Charge:

- R-50- Education Workgroup- smart growth

Concurrent Work

The following additional recommendations will be addressed as noted:

Department of Planning

- R-3 - Early consultation in the comprehensive plan process
- R-19 - Update the 2004 Infrastructure Survey
- R-51 - MPCA

Department of Legislative Services

- R-20 - Conduct a historical infrastructure survey (due **November 1, 2009**)

Department of Housing and Community Development

- R-21 - LGIF Program (due **June 1, 2009**)
- R-32- Develop new funding sources to support DHCD
- R-33 - Grow Federal housing and community development funds
- R-34 - Local affordable housing strategies
- R-35 - Target resources to promote LNYW and promote transit
- R-38 – Study Community Land Trusts (due **July 1, 2009**)
- R-39, R-40 - Revitalization Incentives (due **July 1, 2009**)

Department of the Environment

- R-43 - Phase II of the Nutrient Trading Policy (due **April 1, 2009**)
- R-44 - Septic System Disparity
- R-45 - Ground Water Allocation
- R-46 - Water Reuse Standards (due **July 1, 2009**)
- R-47 - Review Climate Action Plan

Department of Transportation

- R-7 - Promote development at existing transit stations
- R-8 - Study actions to promote transit
- R-9 - Encourage compact development/mixed uses in PFAs around transit areas
- R-10 - State TOD incentives to local jurisdictions that are TOD-friendly
- R-11 - Support local adoption of TOD- friendly planning
- R-12- TOD revolving loan fund
- R-13- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities at TODs
- R-14- TOD-zone TIF districts

MDP, MDOT, and DHCD are also expected, on a regular and ongoing basis, to brief the Task Force and include it in development of both parameters and substantive provisions of the State Development Plan, including the State Transportation Plan and State Housing Plan.
